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Dear Friends,

“He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” This familiar passage from Psalm 1 is a beautiful picture of sustainability and represents for each of us an invitation to physical, mental, and spiritual stability.

Our family recently began reading a daily devotional, written by a friend, which draws from the introductory verses of Psalm 1. He wrote the book after being confronted with the knowledge that he had cancer. I want to share with you an idea or two from the beginning of this devotional which has challenged me recently. He writes, “The source of our delight will often determine our level of stability.” If our circumstances and situations around us cause our delight (or joy) to rise and fall like waves on the sea, then it is the source of our delight which is unstable. We must continually ask ourselves the question, “What do I claim to delight in?” “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6: 21) Amid the waves of today, there are plenty of opportunities to evaluate the source(s) of our delight and joy. May we find our delight in the One that is everlasting!

Our last letter mentioned the upcoming visit of our RCA supervisor, Rev. Derrick Jones, which took place from the end of March into April. We are very thankful to God for the good fruit that came out of his visit. His presence was a catalyst for some necessary evaluation and reflection. And since we are approaching 15 years of being in Niger (October) and working within the CADR, it is a reasonable time for reflection.

One of the programs scheduled for his visit was an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) within our CADR organization. It was determined upon Derrick’s arrival that an outside evaluator would be preferable to conduct this analysis. By God’s grace, one was identified on very short notice. Marc is a Beninois Christian who lives and works in Niamey. He manages a team whose mission is to accompany organizations in internal evaluation, mediation, orientation, etc. We are now in the process of working with him and his team to better understand some of the challenges we are facing and to implement necessary changes. This includes better communication within the structure, team relations and trust, and appropriate processes for managing personnel issues, inventorying, and finance. Please pray that this process accomplishes the desired objectives and prepares the CADR for whatever purposes the Lord desires for it.

Of course, this is not a service without a price attached. We are very thankful that Derrick was able to secure some funds through the RCA for this three-phase process. The first phase will address issues within the CADR

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structure; the second will look at the relationship between CADR, its board, and the EERN leadership; and the third will look at the overall EERN and its different entities. At present, we estimate another \$6,000 needs to be raised to support these endeavors. An account for Capacity Building has been created if you would like to contribute to this important effort. You can give here: www.rca.org/give/evangelical-reformed-church-of-niger-capacity-building/

We are currently in the process of launching a medical outreach and evangelism project around the Clinic Dutsin Ceto. We are currently surveying the nearby villages to understand the spiritual and medical needs which exist. The picture to the right shows our Douthi team on the right meeting with the chief of one of the nearby villages. Pray that the Lord would lead us to a person of peace in each village who can serve as a bridge as we start to build relationships. Pray for wisdom as we chose the team to carry out these activities and as we make decisions about what medical services to offer and what training to prepare for the local evangelists.



As of mid-May, our whole family is once again together! Lydia has rejoined us and will be with us until mid-July, which has been a great blessing. As a family, we will travel for 10 days in June and enjoy the cool air of the Netherlands.

I leave you with this verse which takes us back to where we began, “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

May the LORD not only be with you but may He be your delight and joy. Thanks for your partnership!

Jeremy Beebout